GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3103
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Protection to Cashew Workers
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that a huge number of cashew workers lost their employment due to the change in policy of levying tax;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to protect the cashew workers;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide sufficient quantum of raw cashew at reasonable prices, so as to protect the cashew industry; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Government has not received any report from State regarding loss of employment due to the imposition of 5% basic customs duty on cashew nut in shell in Budget 2016-17.

(c) & (d): The Government does not have any proposal to provide raw cashew nut at reasonable prices to the cashew industry. However, Government of India has taken initiatives to augment the domestic production by increasing the area under cashew by new planting, removal of senile plantation and re-planting with high yielding varieties of cashew under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture.

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